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INFANTA MALARIA PREVENTION FOUNDATION AND HPEE

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HPEE

Founded by Japanese businessman Toshihiro Iwasa, HPEE Foundation is an NGO dedicated to promoting Humanism, Pacifism, Education, and Ecosystem. On June 14, 2009, it celebrated its one year anniversary of establishment in Ghana.

Program Itinerary

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Orphanage

- Primarily a public relations HPEE visit
- HPEE donated uniforms, money, flour, sugar, rice, etc. and announced new building plans
- Representatives from Infanta Malaria later discussed plans for future spraying

Hospital

- Manager did not seem as receptive to plans as did staff at the orphanage
- Indoor pest-control was scheduled for Saturday, June 13
- Observations led to suggestions for alternative toilet models (*SEE OUTCOME: ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS*)

Outcome

Observations and Comments

The chosen locations were appropriate for the purposes of targeting the high-risk groups – pregnant women and children, and were precisely in line with Infanta Malaria’s mission. However, the methods employed only seem useful as a temporary control method. Considerations may be made to target the low-risk population as a means of protecting the high-risk population (i.e. *herd immunity*)

We expressed immediate concerns about being aware of health risks (e.g. chemicals being used, no. of days before it is safe for women to return, where women will stay in the meantime, etc.), all of which had been looked into by Infanta Malaria and HPEE.

Additional Contributions

One Infanta Malaria member, as part of a side conversation, expressed concern regarding the poorly functioning toilets in the hospital. We made suggestions for alternative models, including lower toilets (i.e. in the ground) to allow for lower pressure system of flushing, using models from China, or filling toilet bowls by hand with nearby drum of water when appropriate plumbing is not made available, using models from Nigeria.